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Senator Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair Representative Kevin Garn, Co-Chair Capitol Facilities & Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee State Capitol Complex Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Subject: Preparing the State's Emergency Radio Communications for FCC's 2013 Mandates

Dear Chairmen:

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee by motion requested at our April 16, 2008 meeting that your appropriations subcommittee make, as one of your interim study priorities this year, the issue of preparing the State's Emergency Radio Communication Systems to accommodate the narrow bandwidth required in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) changes which take effect in the year 2013.

Because the equipment and construction costs for this change could be substantial, we recommend that your committee establish a funding schedule and a time line to accomplish this required change. We also encourage you to monitor and guide current equipment expenditures so that newly purchased equipment will not be obsolete when the new requirement takes effect.

Individuals and organizations which may be a resource to you in this study include: Mr. Steve Proctor, Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN); Mr. J. Stephen Fletcher, State CIO; Commissioner Scott Duncan, Executive Director, Department of Public Safety; State Interoperability Executive Committee; and State and Local Law Enforcement Officials.

Please let us know how we can assist you.

Sincerely,

Jon Greiner, Senate Chair Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee DeMar "Bud" Bowman, House Chair Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee

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cc: Executive Appropriations Committee chairs